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FARM CONVENTIONS' MAJOR ISSUE - AMALGAMATION

Light and Shade in Farm Picture

VALUE INCREASED FOR FIELD CROPS DURING YEAR 1946

Fifth Highest in History of Canada
—Soil Moisture Good

MEAT PRODUCTION DOWN

Ottawa Sees British Market for
Bacon in Danger of Drifting
Away

(By M. McDougall, Press Gallery)
(Special to The Western Farm Leader)

OTTAWA, January 2nd.—If, at the opening of the year, a brief survey is taken of the condition of Canada's major single industry, which gives employment to the greatest number of people, there is both light and shade in the picture. The year 1946 brought good crops, particularly good in comparison with 1945. The total value of field crops was \$1,238,645,000, over \$100,000,000 greater than the year before. It was the fifth highest in the history of Canadian agriculture, being exceeded in gross value only by 1918, the two following years and 1944.

Prairie Increase Chief Factor

The increase of 9 per cent over 1945 was due principally to a higher level of production in the Prairie Provinces. Alberta accounted for \$279,671,000, or 22 1/2 per cent of the field crop production of Canada. This was 49 per cent above Alberta's total for 1945, while Manitoba's increase was 20 per cent, Saskatchewan's 7 per cent and British Columbia's 14 per cent.

Of the prospects for 1947, it is pointed out here that even if it is naturally much too early to prognosticate, a favorable factor is the soil moisture condition throughout the country. In the West it is stated that it is well above average, and in the East mild weather that stretched into December, enabled farmers to complete fall plowing everywhere.

Not So Favorable

There is, however, one aspect of the whole agricultural industry which is quite unfavorable. This has to do with meat production, particularly bacon. The output of meat in 1946 was down 12 per cent from 1945 and 25 per cent from the record year 1944. The total production in 1946 was slightly under 2,100,000,000 lbs., inspected hog slaughtering was down 26 per cent (while the 1945 levels were fairly well maintained in the case of other meats) and export shipments of meat were down 29 per cent.

As a result of the decline of 26 per cent in hog production, Canada will not be able to fill the year's contract with Britain. Not more than about 280,000,000 of the 350,000,000 lbs. contract will be shown to have been shipped when final figures are available. The weekly ration of bacon in

Famous Tower "Beefeaters" Are Televised



Facing the British Broadcasting Corporation television camera are two of London's famous "beefeaters" in their picturesque uniforms. Various known as "beefeaters" or "Yeomen of the Guard", these men should properly be called Yeomen Warders of the Tower of London. They are invariably good-service Army pensioners. There is no shortage of volunteers for their job, especially in these days of housing problems, as they are housed with their families in the historic Tower.

Britain is being reduced on January 5 from 3 to 2 oz per person per week.

Is there a definite danger of the Canadian bacon industry abandoning its favorable position in the British market? Bacon was supplied in abundance during the war, and it was particularly desired that by producing a continuous supply of high quality bacon a permanent market for a large export trade in bacon would be assured after the war. It is now apparent that the market is being allowed to drift away, and unless something is done soon, the effect on the agricultural position of Canada will be nothing less than deplorable.

There is at present no sales problem nor will there in all likelihood be any such problem for the next two or three years, but later Canadian agriculture will face the blast of world wide competition. At least 25 to 30 per cent of Canadian farm production has to find foreign markets if the Canadian economy is to be satisfactorily maintained. Bacon, according to appearances in war years, seemed in a position to form a substantial part of these sales abroad.

Believed Willing to Increase Price

Britain is apparently willing to do its part in helping to stimulate the production of bacon in Canada. L. W. Pearsall, Manager of the meat board, returned a few days ago from a week's visit to Britain, where he discussed the price of bacon for 1947. At present

Ask Equalization of Freight Rates Across Dominion

A.F.A. Annual Meeting Sets Forth Policies on Problems in Various Fields

Opposition to any increase in freight rates, and the opinion that the freight rates per mile should be equalized across Canada, were expressed by the Alberta Federation of Agriculture in Annual Meeting in December. The delegates also adopted resolutions to the following effect.

Wool Bonus Policy

Urging the Alberta Government to join with the Dominion Government in inaugurating the wool bonus policy which would "increase the revenue of the sheepmen by some four cents per pound on all staple grades". Delay in this matter, it was stated, is due to the Alberta Government.

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the price of Grade A is \$25 per 100 lbs., f.o.b., seaboard, Canada. Mr. Pearsall was accompanied on his trip by Sir Andrew Jones, head of the British Food Mission in Ottawa. It

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PRIMARY FARMER BODIES MEET IN ALBERTA CITIES

Next Week in Edmonton—A.F.U.;
Jan. 4th, in Calgary—U.F.A.

THIRTY-EIGHTH FOR U.F.A.

Hon. J. G. Gardiner To Speak At
Calgary Gathering On
First Evening

Fateful decisions will be made by Alberta's two primary farm organizations this month when they meet in their Annual Conventions.

The chief issue to be decided is whether they shall agree to the terms of a merger with the Alberta Federation of Agriculture which Locals have been studying for some time past. The Alberta Farmers' Union will meet first—Edmonton from Jan. 7th, to 11th. One week later—from Jan. 14th to 17th, the Thirty-eighth Annual Convention of the United Farmers of Alberta will be held in Calgary.

Addresses of President George Church, of Mrs. Lowe, President of the U.F.W.A., and of Lawrence Proudfoot, Junior U.F.A. President, and the Board report, will be broadcast from the Convention to be held in the Palliser Hotel Tuesday morning.

Chief Evening Speakers

Special interest will be manifest in the address of Hon. J. G. Gardiner, Minister of Agriculture for Canada, who will address the U.F.A. Convention on Tuesday evening, Jan. 14th, and in that of Ben Plumer, Chairman of the Alberta Wheat Pool Board, on Wednesday evening. Agricultural policies adopted during the war, and the post-war program, including marketing agreements, have been and are Mr. Gardiner's special responsibilities, and it is anticipated that a large audience of rural and urban people will wish to be present when he speaks. His address will be broadcast, as announced elsewhere. Mr. Plumer will speak on his visit to England to the conference at which an international farm organization was created.

Farm people everywhere are determined to press with vigor for future policies which will ensure to them a just proportionate share of the national income, combined with stability of markets for their products at satisfactory prices. Among the resolutions to be dealt with—which number upwards of fifty already and will probably reach a total nearer to a hundred, many will be concerned with this problem. A wide variety of other matters will be dealt with, all of great concern to farm people as producers and as citizens. In the field of public affairs a resolution of first importance from Acadia U.F.A. Provincial Association, calls for "endorsement and support of the proposal for World Government in the interests of Universal Peace."

There will be important joint sessions of the main U.F.A. Convention and the Convention of the United Farm Women of Alberta.

Note.—As we go to press, it is learned that Mr. Brownlee will speak in place of Mr. Plumer, who will be in Eastern Canada.



Central Alberta Dairy Pool Section



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Final Payments for 1946

Up until the end of August, 1946, our business was comparable in every respect to last year, more especially on surplus shown. From that time forward, however, our operations haven't been nearly as good for the same period in 1945.

Notwithstanding this circumstance, your Board of Directors has decided that the "revolving door" plan of final payments should operate as usual, that is, the earnings for the year 1946 will go into participations and the Participation Series "M", which includes special issue to Edberg, will be redeemed in cash.

Now On Six-Year Plan Back in 1939 we were ten years As you know, our organization back. We have meanwhile picked is on a six-year plan at the present up the extra four years and are time, and your Board is very now on a six-year "revolving door" anxious to maintain that schedule. (Continued at foot of next column)

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In order to simplify the recording of our members' shipments, a new policy has been decided on which will be effective as from January 1st, 1947.

Total Value Of All Products

In the past we have recorded the pounds of butterfat received, the dozens of eggs and the pounds of poultry. From the first of the new year, instead of those things, we are recording the value that was paid for each shipment received. Then, at the end of the year, the final payment will be on a percentage basis of the total value of products delivered whether they be butterfat, eggs, or poultry.

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Example Of New Plan

Let us give you an example of the new plan: T. Semple, Contract No. 1, Alix. Suppose Mr. Semple shipped 500 lbs. of butterfat at 40c. a pound, that is \$200.00. He shipped 300 dozen eggs, at an average of 30c., that is \$90.00, and he marketed with us 1,000 lbs. of poultry at 20c. that is \$200.00.

system of ownership. The earnings for the past six years, therefore, are all that the organization has for supplying working capital as well as the owners' lip of its physical assets, such as, real estate, buildings and equipment.

During the year 1946 market prices were paid for all goods at all points. There were one or two small exceptions, on eggs. In these instances an adjustment in final payment will be provided for.

Forward After Turn Of Year

After the turn of the year, it will be in order for our members to forward their Participation Series "L" to Red Deer office for redemption in cash.

Our earnings for the year 1946 were sharply lower than in 1945. The surplus earnings are approximately \$30,000 and the participation certificates Series "L" which will be redeemed early in the New Year will approximate this amount.

May we also direct your attention to the article in columns 3 and 4. This article sets out the new plan for the setting up of final payments from January 1st, 1947, onwards.

Total of deliveries to our organization would be \$490.00.

In the past it would have been necessary to record Mr. Semple's shipments in three customers' ledgers. Under the new plan we can enter all his deliveries to our organization in one customers' ledger. Then, in final payments, instead of declaring something on butterfat, something on eggs, and something on poultry, we will just take the total of his purchases and declare a certain percentage on the total of his deliveries to us. Supposing it is 6%, it would be 6% on the \$490.00, which would be \$29.40. That would be his final payment.

You can see that this system of recording a member's deliveries to the organization will be greatly simplified, and I believe it will be just as satisfactory to each member.

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Another Advantage

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the records at our various offices.

It is very desirable that each member retain all his produce slips throughout the year, whether they be for cream, eggs, or poultry, or milk. In that way you will be able to check the record that is made at the office of your total deliveries, and the value that you receive for them. This is most important.

Canadian Butter Exports

Apart from extremely small shipments to Alaska and Latin America (totalling only 400 pounds) the only exports of Canadian butter in recent months have been to Newfoundland and the British West Indies, which have always drawn a considerable part of their requirements from Canada, state W.P.T.B. officials. The total export in this direction is about one per cent of Canadian production.

The Great Southern Co-operative Company, in the most southerly part of Australia, operates a creamery which last year produced 539 tons of butter, and the trucks which collect cream also deliver freshly-baked bread from the co-op's own bakery. Three general stores are also conducted by this farm organization, and an ice and chilling plant.

Ask Increased Basic Price For Hogs

Stimulation of the hog production industry "by an increase in the basic price for hogs of at least four cents a pound," was called for by the A.F.A. Annual Meeting. It was further asked "that the freight bonus on feed grain to eastern Canada be equalized by a similar freight bonus on all export pork products from Western Canada."

President Hugh Allen of the Alberta Livestock Pool, dwelt upon the prospect that Canada will be unable to meet fully bacon commitments to Britain. He indicated further that the big packers, in their struggle to keep out of the red, could afford to take a loss on Eastern business by hammering down prices in the West.

Chance To Maintain Position

In his report, Mr. Allen stressed the fact that "hog production is most important to Alberta's agricultural policy, and that with continuity of supply and quality we have every chance to maintain our position on the British market." It was necessary "to remove obstacles in the way of hog production," while, in turn, "the producer must realize the importance of this industry to the future of his farming practices."

\$5 Acreage Barley Bonus

Substitution of an acreage bonus of \$5 per acre on barley for the present equalization payment was strongly urged. It was pointed out that the change would put an end to present inequalities and injustice.

An immediate increase in the premium on malting barley "from the present premium of 5 cents per bushel to 20 cents per bushel", was asked. It was set forth that the present premium is too low as compared with the price of feed barley; that the export of malting barley is restricted, thus shutting many producers of malting barley out of more remunerative markets.

Seed Barley In Addition To Cash Prizes

Regional prize winners in the National Barley Committee will each receive, in addition to the cash prizes, 10 bushels of seed barley of the "Montcalm" variety. Tests in four areas in Manitoba established Montcalm as a "likely leader" in weight, yield and growing and maturing habits, state the National Barley Contest Committee.

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to Canadian Farmers

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Blasted from farms and villages, millions of Chinese families are homeless, hungry and in rags, dying daily from starvation and disease. China was first to feel the Fascist onslaught. For eight terrible years—from July, 1937 to August, 1945—China heroically breast- the aggressor's hordes. Two years longer than any of her allies!

Farmers Call to Farmers

To-day, China presents a heart-rending spectacle to Canadians mercifully spared the ravages of enemy guns and bombs. And especially to Canadian farmers!

About 83 per cent. of China's 500,000,000 people are peasant farmers. To the scourge of Japanese planes and artillery have been added, in many districts, flood or drought, and shortage of seed grain. Besides the need for food, clothing, medical supplies, hospital equipment, there is urgent need for reconstruction of farms and homes.

Canada's Aid Essential

During the war, Canadians, through The Chinese War Relief Fund, sent to China some \$2,654,000 in money and over 1,464,000 pounds of used clothing, valued at some \$2,929,000. But the aftermath of war can be more terrible than war itself. The world-wide relief work of the United Nations Relief and

Rehabilitation Agency (UNRRA) ends March 1st in China. The burden will fall on voluntary agencies. So Canadian Aid to China (formerly The Chinese War Relief) is making a national appeal. **This is an urgent call to Canadian farmers to support this effort.**

How YOU Can Help

To make it more convenient for YOU to participate, all Elevator companies have been authorized to receive donations of part of grain deliveries as Aid to China.

When you deliver grain to your Elevator, simply tell the Elevator Agent how many bushels you wish to donate to Canadian Aid to China.

The aim is one per cent. of the storage capacity of each Elevator. Will YOU help to make this possible?

Enlightened Self-Interest

This appeal is to our common humanity as citizens of the One World from which to-day we dare not isolate ourselves. In helping to rehabilitate the Chinese, we are hastening a return to world health and progress.

But we may well remember that China is not only a World Neighbor of Canada, but a good potential customer for our products. In helping her to recover from her war wounds, we are building goodwill and laying the basis of profitable relations in the days to come.

WHAT TO DO

When you deliver grain to your Elevator, simply tell the Elevator Agent how many bushels you wish to donate to CANADIAN AID TO CHINA. Your Agent will make out a ticket in the name of CANADIAN AID TO CHINA for your donation. Official Receipts will be forwarded to you from your Provincial Headquarters for income tax purposes.

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RURAL ELECTRIFICATION

One reason why public ownership is essential to any satisfactory plan of rural electrification is set forth in the resolution on the subject adopted by the A.F.A. Convention in December.

It is pointed out that any system of electrification developed under private ownership, because it "will tend to monopoly for private gain", will fail to meet the requirement that for rural purposes it "must deliver power to farmers at actual cost." Small groups of farmers who are favorably situated might get power, as needed, but districts not near enough to power lines to make installation profitable will not get the service from a private monopoly.

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VITALLY IMPORTANT

Just as this issue goes to press, there has come to hand a letter from Jack Sutherland of Hanna, which we are regrettably unable to quote at length. It deals with the resolution on World Government which has been submitted by Acadia U.F.A. Provincial District Association for consideration by the Annual Convention of the United Farmers of Alberta.

"Our governments and our scientists have so perfected methods of mass destruction of human life," Mr. Sutherland states in part, "that if World War Three does not break out until after the next three or four years, global war at that time will undoubtedly result in the destruction of civilization as we know it today."

Mr. Sutherland discusses the report of a committee appointed by the President of the United States, representing the armed services and experts in all phases of modern offensive and defensive warfare, who were asked to advise on means of defence of the Republic from atomic bombs. The report was that there is no feasible defence.

"They visualized the mass destruction of probably 20 to 30 million American lives within the first few hours of a conflict. The only measure of safety they could see (apart from that to be gained in widely scattered rural areas) would be found in vast underground caverns, hundreds of feet below the surface.

"That's the atomic bomb alone, to say nothing of all the other means of mass destruction either already perfected or rapidly becoming so. This committee of military men declared, 'There is no defence except political defence.'"

This report, Mr. Sutherland adds, should bring the question of World Government to the mind of every thinking person in all countries of the world. "We have the necessary framework within the present United Nations," he states. "We must immediately set about reconciling our prejudices of superiority, national, racial and others in the cause of common humanity."

These are just a few of the reasons why, in Mr. Sutherland's judgment, the U.F.A. Convention should give a position of great prominence to the subject of international organization for peace. We think it will be generally agreed that the subject is vitally important.

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WHEAT AGREEMENT DEFENDED

In the address which he delivered before the Agricultural Institute of Canada in Montreal

DEDICATION

Three times a day my household gathers round
A table with abundance richly spread.
My little children never yet have found
Unsatisfied their need for milk and bread.
How rich my lot against the tragic tale
Of pestilence and famine in the lands
Where children cry for food without avail,
And frenzied mothers wring their helpless hands.

More frugally I now shall spread my board,
And teach my children others' need to share.
I shall not buy beyond my needs and hoard
The food far countries call for in despair.
And all I can I willingly shall give
To help some other mother's child to live.

ISA GRINDLAY JACKSON

recently, Hon. J. G. Gardiner, Minister of Agriculture, struck back with characteristic vigor against critics of the wheat agreement between Canada and Great Britain. We have read Mr. Gardiner's speech and we think he presents a very strong case. He disposes effectively of many widely current myths. Among other things, he states quite definitely that the British are agreed that "we are entitled to have possible losses in the first two years made up in the last two.

"The farmer says he wants stabilization. The Canadian Federation of Agriculture has stood loyally behind this agreement in its meetings and in those of the representative bodies. The British Government is prepared to assist the Canadian Government in making that stabilization possible."

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BENNETT ON BROADCASTING

It is of interest to note that an argument similar to the argument for public ownership of power used by the Alberta Federation of Agriculture was used by the Right Hon. R. B. Bennett, in support of public ownership of a national radio broadcasting system years ago.

Mr. Bennett, whose progressive leadership of the Conservative party in several important directions made his term of office memorable, insisted that in Canada the public system set up by the Government should be dominant over broadcasting in this country—not just a parallel system to one of private ownership.

"No other scheme of public ownership," he said when moving the second reading of the bill of provide for "the Constitution of a Commission for the acquisition, operation, regulation and control" of broadcasting in Canada, "can ensure to the people of this country, without regard to class or place, equal enjoyment of the benefits and pleasure of radio broadcasting. Private ownership must necessarily discriminate between densely and sparsely settled areas. This is not a correctable fault in private ownership; it is an inescapable and inherent demerit of that system."

Then, in this most notable speech recorded in Hansard of May 18th, 1932, Mr. Bennett gave a final reason for the policy set forth in the legislation,

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Continuance Wheat Board Indefinitely Federation Request

**Domestic Price of \$1.85 Asked
—Other Resolutions on
Wheat Policy**

Confidence in the operation of the Canadian Wheat Board under Chairman George McIvor, was expressed by the A.F.A. Annual Meeting, and the delegates urged "that the Board be continued indefinitely"; and also that its operations be extended to include coarse grains, flax and rye.

That the domestic price of wheat be at least \$1.85 per bushel, basis One Northern at the terminal, was asked by the delegates, the Dominion Government also being requested to provide "that any increase in the cost of goods and services farmers must buy be taken into consideration in establishing future grain prices."

In the original resolution a domestic price of \$1.55 was called for; and Jonathan Wheatley, moving the substitution of the higher figure, pointed out that it was approximately half way between the price under the terms of the British agreement and the price at which wheat is sold to other external buyers.

Final 1945-46 Payments

Protesting the announced plan to withhold until the end of the five-year pool the final payment accruing from the sale of wheat of the 1945-46 crop, delegates to the A.F.A. Annual Meeting requested that any funds remaining in the hands of the Canadian Wheat Board from its operations in the 1945-46 cereal year be paid to producers as soon as possible. The resolution charges that withholding of the payments is a breach of faith and possibly a breach of legal obligation.

The meeting also asked that the price of wheat to distillers be fixed at the export price per bushel. It was pointed out that the farmers and the Dominion Government both suffer loss as a result of the distillers being enabled to buy at the current domestic price.

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is understood, though no definite announcement has yet been made, that in order to encourage keeping up production in Canada, Britain is willing to pay a higher price. The announcement is expected shortly. The contract for 1947 is for 400,000,000 lbs., and as much more as will be

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Tribute to the U.F.A.

The 38th annual convention of the United Farmers of Alberta will commence in Calgary, on January 14, 1947. The Alberta Wheat Pool takes advantage of this opportunity to pay its respects to this estimable farm organization.

Thirty-eight years is not a long period in the lives of nations and states. But in the history of Alberta it covers a most important era. That period has witnessed tremendous expansion in agriculture in this province.

In 1909 only 1 1/4 million acres were under grain crops in Alberta—385,000 under wheat, 820,000 under oats, 186,000 under barley, and the balance under rye, flaxseed and mixed grains.

At the present time about 12 1/2 million acres are annually seeded to grain crops. Alberta's wheat acreage has reached a peak of around 8 million, acreage under oats 3 1/3 million, and under barley 2 million.

During this period of expansion the U.F.A. has rendered exceptional service to the agricultural industry. It has had a wealth of experience and has pursued "a straight furrow" in times of adversity as well as in periods of great achievement. The foundation it has laid as a farm organization is broad and substantial.

Human memory is, unfortunately, short-lived. Already some of the real achievements of the U.F.A. have become misted over by the passage of the years. But nevertheless a task has been accomplished, and an important entry made upon the pages of agricultural history of this province.

Alberta Wheat Pool

available. It is hoped that with the new encouragement and with eyes to the best interests of agriculture in this country for the future, this critical hour in the life of the bacon industry in Canada will be satisfactorily bridged. The Canadian farmer will have to make his decision whether or not he will remain in a strong position in the British market.

The beef contract with Britain is that the British will buy all Canada can spare in this and the next two years. In 1946, the amount shipped will be about 113,000,000 lbs. The contract for cheese calls for 125,000,000 lbs., for the fiscal year ending next March. The cheese producers, from present indications, will not completely cover this contract, nor will the full contract for 86,100,000 dozen eggs be shipped.

Milk Production Below Peak

During 1946, milk production has been about 4 per cent under the peak year's during the war, and the prospects for increasing production do not seem very bright. Meanwhile the demand for milk has been increasing.

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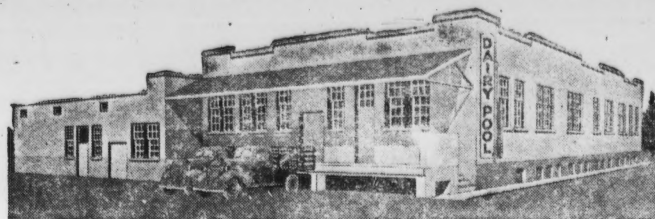
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To that end, all of us on your staff shall spare no efforts this coming year. For the loyalty shown by so many hundreds of

producers towards their organization, we wish to express our thanks. We bespeak your continued interest and support during 1947. Without that loyal support, we cannot hope to succeed; but, given that support, nothing can stand in our way, and another successful year's operation will be assured.

On behalf of every member of our staff in Calgary, Acme, Hanna, Brooks and Rosemary, I extend to you all our best wishes for A Happy and Prosperous New Year.

CHRIS TOPPENBERG,

Manager.

If Denmark - - Why Not Alberta?

By FERD J. MULLER, Hussar

Note: Whenever I see an article in Mr. Muller's handwriting, I know before I read it that it will contain an inspiring message. He has never disappointed any of us yet; and the article printed below, received in the form of a letter, maintains his usual high standard.

In the story of what Denmark has done, which has recently been published in this section of The Western Farm Leader, Mr. Muller finds a challenge to all of us in Alberta. "If Denmark can do it, Why not Alberta?" is a challenge to action in building up our Pool to still higher levels in 1947 which I trust every one of us will accept.

WILLIAM BURNS,
President.

These few observations were prompted by the three excellent articles, "Co-operation, the Danish Way," appearing recently in *The Western Farm Leader*.

Why Not Alberta?

The question at once suggests itself, "If Denmark can do it, why not Alberta?" It is true that nature has been kind to that small country, and blessed it with a fertile soil which the Danish farmer jealously maintains at a high state of productivity; but nature neglected to supply her with the essential elements to make her an industrial nation. Therefore, through sheer necessity, she had to concentrate on the one great natural asset - Agriculture. Co-operation and Credit Unions enabled her for generations to create revenues to purchase imports of coal, oil and steel, etc.

To illustrate how well she succeeded, let us remember that she produced in 1938 more butter and more bacon than the entire Dominion of Canada.

The cultivated area of Denmark is less than that of Alberta. The total area of that little country is

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Wm Burns

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land is occupied by 205,000 farmers, 111,000 being classed as small holders, farming 25 acres or less. The balance works around 100 acres.

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That much talked about, brave new world can only be ushered in if each one of us accepts the responsibility of co-operating to bring this about. If we do that, Alberta can become the leading Province in the Dominion. We have got the men and women, the soil, climate and sunshine, a firm foundation of co-operative organizations. A sympathetic understanding (over) government is essential to bring this fruitful flower to bloom. Unfair taxation will retard and stunt its growth.

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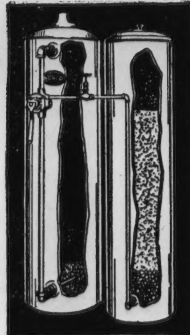
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POST-WAR CHRONICLE

Dec. 19th.—British Government announces new plans for control of farming operations, including disposition of farmers failing in efficient production.

Dec. 20th.—UN atomic energy commission approves in principle U.S. atomic control plan, Soviet delegate not voting. No German prisoners-of-war to remain in Canada, now states Ottawa.

Dec. 21st.—Romanian government nationalizes National Bank.

Dec. 22nd.—Britain is not tied to foreign policy of U.S. or any other nation, declares Bevin; says Russia now recognizes readiness of other nations to co-operate. Fascism is stirring again in England, says Mosley.

Article by Leslie Roberts, in New York P.M., sets forth that Canadian government resisting pressure to permit U.S. occupation Canadian Arctic; exonerates Eisenhower and also State Department; states Canadian defence forces' belief in British connection is aiding Mackenzie King in resisting U.S. Army pressures.



EISENHOWER

Dec. 23rd.—Blum says France will adopt firm policy against Viet Nam forces in Indo-China. Britain moves scant coal reserves to places dangerously short.

Dec. 24th.—Fourth French Republic comes into being with official inauguration of new constitution. Pope calls on nations to heed "voice of reason and equity", work for "definite peace". Industrial users in the U.S. lobby for more sugar, discontinuance world sharing plan. 800,000 "Little Nazis" granted amnesty in U.S. zone of Germany.

Dec. 25th.—"Better days lie ahead", declares King George in Christmas Day broadcast; urges focussing attention on possibilities of future.

Dec. 26th.—Oil deals by which U.S. will get more oil from Middle East, announced. Canadian trade treaty with Nicaragua signed.

Dec. 27th.—Refuting U.S. charges, joint British-U.S.-Russian commission finds UNRRA supplies were fairly handled in Yugoslavia. Increasing signs of malnutrition found in Germany.

Dec. 28th.—U.S. to withhold secret of atomic bomb until UN discards veto on punishment of violation, says Baruch; UN atomic energy commission postpones final vote. Four-power inspection teams to be admitted into Russian zone, Germany. Canada to admit Jap imports again.

Dec. 29th.—U.S. may make loan to British-American zones of Germany, is report. U.S. House of Representatives committee states if Russia is rearming with German war plants, Potsdam agreement should be scrapped. Jewish terrorists kidnap, flog, four British soldiers in Palestine.

Dec. 30th.—UN atomic energy commission approves U.S. plan for atomic control, Russia and Poland not voting. Allied Control Council bans all war materials in Germany. Chinese Communists will set up government in opposition to Chungking government, is Peiping report.

Dec. 31st.—Attlee calls emergency cabinet meeting to deal with coal crisis in Britain; may cut ration gas, electricity, reported. Paris newspaper says Britain, U.S., to sign defence alliance.

Ask Butterfat Subsidy Be Continued

Assured continuance of the present subsidy paid on butterfat for churning purposes to the end of 1948 was called for by the A.F.A. Convention, which also went on record as supporting the schedule of prices submitted to the Dominion Government on November 28th by the Canadian Federation of Agriculture.

The Dominion Government was asked to consult representatives of poultry producers as to costs and prices before entering into new marketing contracts; and the A.F.A. was urged to do everything possible to bring about increases in poultry products price ceilings.

Ask Experimental Farm On Grey Wooded Soil

Establishment this year of an experimental farm on the grey wooded soil of Alberta was asked by the A.F.A. Annual Meeting. Many new settlers on this soil are returned men financed by Dominion Government funds; and persons who have advisory capacities lack sufficient technical information to enable them to advise the new settlers in a satisfactory way.

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A.F.A. NOTES

By JAS. F. McFALL, Secretary
Farm Radio Forum Originates at Calgary.—The Farm Radio Forum will continue its discussion of important farm topics on Monday, January 6th. This first broadcast will originate from Calgary and will deal with the topic, "Farming is a Risky Business." H. J. Mather, Provincial Department of Agriculture, Paul Farnalls, Halkirk, and Ernie Tyson from Stavely will take part in the program. With Mr. Farnalls and Mr. Tyson on this program the farm side of the picture will be well represented. Mr. Farnalls is also Chairman of the Provincial Hail Board, so he will be able to discuss the hail hazard from the administrative point of view. This program will be of particular interest, so tune in to your local station at 8:30 p.m., Monday January 6th.

Farm Bookkeeping and Income Tax Returns.—These two responsibilities go hand in hand. Farming is a business and bookkeeping is essential to good business practice. Farmers should make every effort to bring their 1946 accounts up to date and start the new year with a determination to have a more complete set of books.

It is necessary to report your income tax regularly, commencing with 1946,

New Year Message

Delegates attending A.F.U. and U.F.A. Conventions, states Pres. Roy Marler of the Alberta Federation of Agriculture in a New Year's Message, "will have the opportunity of placing the cause of the farm people of Alberta ahead of any petty prejudice and jealousies that any of us may possess, and in so doing will effect the reorganization of all the farm bodies into one Federation for Alberta. If they fail, they not only lose the work carried on in their behalf by their own representatives during recent years; but will also cause a set-back of major significance to the farmers' movement."

if you wish to take advantage of the three-year moving average. This new method gives the farmer a chance to average the good years with the bad and thus his over-all tax should be at a lower rate.

Many feel that farm bookkeeping is too complicated. This is true if each department on the farm is to be allotted its share of the expense. However, this is not necessary. A complete list of receipts and expenditures will give you all the necessary information for making Income Tax returns.

Hannam at Washington Meeting.—H. H. Hannam, President of the Canadian Federation of Agriculture, is a very busy man. After his recent visit to Calgary, he was called to Washington, D.C. At Washington he attended a meeting of the F.A.O. Preparatory Commission and presented a brief on behalf of James Turner, President of the International Federation of Agricultural Producers. Mr. Hannam is third Vice-President of this organization. The brief outlined the objectives sought by the I.F.A.P. and showed how they fit into the plans of the F.A.O. and the necessity of implementing these plans.

The Canadian Federation of Agriculture believe that only through price stabilization on a basis that is fair to the consumer and producer alike can the world be properly fed.

Diversion Of Cattle Urged

Immediate diversion of "certain volume of beef cattle to the United States" was urged by the Annual Meeting of the Alberta Federation of Agriculture in December, and the Dominion Government was also asked "to seek a trade agreement with that country at least as advantageous as that in effect before the war."

It was pointed out that "the U.S.A. market is the greatest stabilizing influence in cattle prices in Canada", and was stated further that "the present British beef contract apparently closes us out of the United States market for two more years and then leaves us without any export connection for beef cattle."

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which, in a general way, happily still continues to govern radio broadcasting in Canada. "The use of the air, or the air itself, whatever you may please to call it, that lies over the soil or land of Canada, is a natural resource over which we have complete jurisdiction under the recent decision of the Privy Council. I believe that there is no Government in Canada that does not regret today that it has parted with some of these natural resources for considerations wholly inadequate and on terms that do not reflect the principle under which the crown holds the natural resources in trust for all the people. . . It may well be that at some future time, when science has made greater achievements than we have yet a record of, it may be desirable to make other or different arrangements in whole or in part, but no one at this moment in the infancy of this great science would, I think, be warranted in suggesting that we should part with the control of this great natural resource."

Mr. Bennett's speech deserves to be read in full by all who are concerned with national broadcasting policy today.

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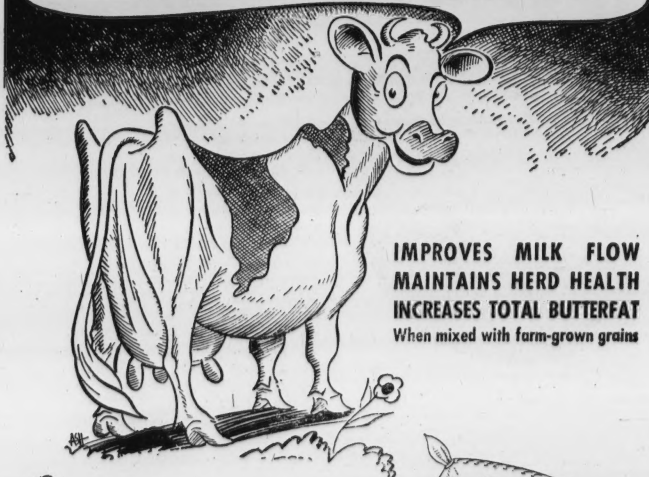
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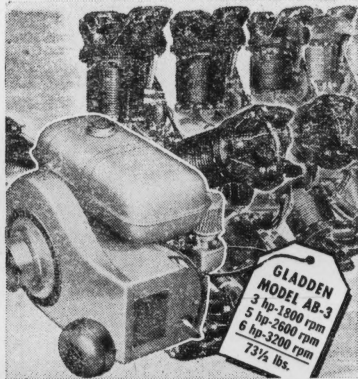
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Steps To Answering Wish

I have been thinking how interesting it would be if we were all to make mental note (or I think some of us have reached the stage when the note would have to be more than mental: it would have to be down in black and white) of what we think would be the greatest step in the answering of that wish. Suppose we make note of what we think would make the greatest contribution to our personal happiness. Then suppose we have another column of what we think would add most to our community happiness. Then, thirdly, what general social change would add most to general happiness.

And when we were taking the trouble to do that, we might make two columns; The first list being of things which seem within the realm of possibility, and a second one of things which seem too good to be true, they seem so impossible.

And then supposing—This is indeed a game of "Let's Suppose"—that at the beginning of next year, if we are still thinking in terms of a happy New Year, we look at our lists. It would be interesting to note how many of either column of wishes had been answered in whole or in part. It would also be interesting to know if the realization of those wishes had produced the anticipated result. Also it would be interesting to note how our ideas of what would make for our happiness had changed through the year. Perhaps it might be an evidence of how we had developed through the year. We might find our outlook on life had broadened through that period. I know perfectly well that most of you will not do this, but I hope some of you will.

Beyond The Purely Personal

And we need I think to remind ourselves again that when we extend this wish of a Happy New Year to all, which I think we all do in our hearts, it is one which calls for active participation from us all, if it is to be fulfilled. No one can feel excluded from the "Society for the Promotion". It means thoughtful consideration of others, to add to their personal happiness. It means the extending of our thoughts and interests beyond our purely personal, to the community. It means the giving of thought and study to social conditions if we are to make for social happiness.

So again I say, May we give to the best of our ability, and may we enjoy to the depth of our capacity this happy New Year.

Yours sincerely,
H. ZELLA SPENCER.

Iron Creek U.F.W.A. made \$22.15 from their annual sale. This Local is among those that are contributing to the Gardiner Scholarship Fund.

By serving lunch at two auction sales, Fairdonian Valley U.F.W.A. (Sedgewick) earned over \$80, writes Mrs. J. R. Hallum, secretary; \$25 is being donated to the Gardiner Scholarship Fund, and two food parcels were despatched to bombed-out victims.

Quakers' Training Centre for Mothers

LONDON, Eng.—A training centre for mothers who have neglected their families is planned by British Quakers, to commemorate the centenary of the death of Elizabeth Fry, the great prison reformer. The scheme, which has the support of the Home Secretary, aims at giving mothers sentenced for neglecting children the choice between going to prison or to school where they will be taught homecraft and parenthood.

Carol singing, and presenting of gifts, marked the December meeting of Rosemoyne U.F.W.A. (Edgerton).

A talk on the "Blood Bank" at Edmonton was given by Mrs. Morris Barnes at a recent meeting of Progressive U.F.W.A. (Lacombe).

Arrangements were made by Eclipse U.F.W.A. (Clive) at their last meeting for a supper to be held at the home of Mrs. G. Sharp, for members and their families, tonight (January 3rd).

Farm Home and Garden

Steamed Ginger Pudding: Melt 2 tbs. shortening, add a little salt and 3 tbs. molasses, and beat well; add 1 apple, finely chopped, 2 tsp. ginger, grated peel of small orange, 1/2 tsp. soda dissolved in a little cool water, 1 cup flour sifted with 1 tsp. baking powder. Mix quickly and steam 1 hour. Serve with

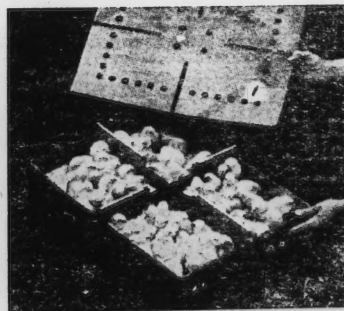
Orange Sauce: Blend 1/3 cup sugar, 1/4 tsp. salt, and 2 tbs. flour with juice of one small orange; add 2 cups boiling water, and boil 10 minutes; add 1 tbs. butter.

Shelled Nuts: If you are fortunate enough to have too many nuts for immediate use, store them in airtight containers, away from the light, in a cool, dry place.

Corn Syrup Cake: Cream 1/2 cup shortening with 1/4 cup sugar, add 3/4 cup white corn syrup and beat until light and fluffy. Add 2 egg yolks, and beat. Sift 2 cups cake flour with 1/2 tsp. each salt and baking soda. To 4 tsp. lemon juice or vinegar add enough milk to make 1/3 cup, and 1/2 tsp. vanilla. Combine 3 mixtures, then fold in stiffly beaten whites of the eggs. Bake in two layers, and put together with jam, icing, or any preferred filling.

Codfish Souffle: Cook half an onion, chopped, in 1 tbs. fat; mix with 1 cup cooked and shredded codfish, 2 cups mashed potatoes, and the beaten yolks of two eggs; fold in stiffly beaten whites of eggs, and bake in moderate oven about 20 minutes. Serve with a creamed vegetable.

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With between forty and fifty resolutions already in hand, and others being received at Central Office, the program of the Thirtieth Annual Convention of the United Farm Women of Alberta, to be held in the Palliser Hotel, Calgary, contemporaneously with the Convention of the United Farmers of Alberta, will deal with major issues of policy concerning the farm home, public health and education and other community affairs, as well as international affairs and the struggle to achieve a lasting peace.

Locals of the association and district conferences have shown much vigor during the past year, and there is promise of a large attendance at this most important gathering representative of farm women of this Province.

A Christmas party for one hundred children was arranged by Griffin Creek U.F.W.A.

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A most successful year is reported by Hazel Bluff U.F.W.A. (Westlock).

The annual meeting of Nanton U.F.W.A. took place following the annual Christmas dinner, in Nanton Co-op rooms.

The last meeting of Dalemead U.F.W.A. took the form of a Christmas party. A Christmas story was read by Mrs. L. S. Winters, and gifts were exchanged in response to the roll call.

A double shower, for two brides in the district, is being held by Browning U.F.W.A. (Edgerton) in conjunction with their January 8th meeting, writes Mrs. H. Scott, secretary.

Junior News Items

A card party is to follow the annual business meeting, on January 11th, of Byemore Junior U.F.A. These young people are contributing towards the cost of repairing the hall.

Lawrence Proudfoot and Morris Shaw recently organized a new Junior U.F.A. Local in the Sylvan Lake district, name to be chosen later. Eddie Tihiönen is president and Dolores Doran secretary.

Spruce Creek Junior U.F.A., organized recently in the Halkirk district, has as its officers Charlie Rowland and Dora Dart. Roy McBride is supervisor, and Lawrence Proudfoot was the organizer.

A skating party was arranged by Snake Valley Juniors (Vulcan) for the holiday week, when all members would be at home, writes Mary Douglas,

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secretary. Choosing of a delegate, and discussion of resolutions, made up the agenda for the December meeting.

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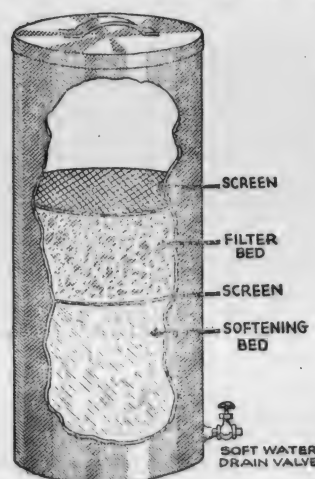
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National Wheat Policy

By LEONARD D. NESBITT,
Superintendent of Publicity,
Alberta Wheat Pool

A merry battle is going on between Hon. James Gardiner, Federal Minister of Agriculture, and the supporters of the speculative system of grain marketing. It is the most interesting controversy involving the grain trade which has occurred in many years.

Supporters of the speculative system of grain marketing say the British-Canadian wheat agreement was a bad one, the Canadian farmers are being mulcted of proper prices for their grain, and a better plan would be for the Government to permit free marketing under the speculative system and provide a floor for the price of wheat.

Hon. Mr. Gardiner was asked to speak at a meeting of the Montreal branch of the Agricultural Institute of Canada, and he went there "loaded for bear". He told the meeting very bluntly, "The fact is that under that (speculative) system wheat growing in Western Canada at a profit to the farmer is impossible."

The Minister then proceeded to give a history of wheat marketing over the past quarter of a century, explaining in detail the British-Canadian wheat contract and the present government policy of guaranteeing wheat producers a basic price of \$1.35 a bushel until July 31st, 1950. He said that in the arrangement with Britain the Government of that country had given assurance that in fixing the price of wheat for the 1948-49 and 1949-50 crop years consideration would be given to any difference between the prices paid under the agreement in the 1946-47 and 1947-48 crop years.

Replies To Grain Exchange

Mr. Gardiner said: "The grain Exchange say in their advertising there is 'no guarantee at all. Don't let anybody tell you anything to the contrary. It isn't true.' All I can say in reply is that I personally discussed the matter with the British officials and their Minister. They are agreed that we are entitled to have possible losses for the first two years made up in the last two. I have at least as high a regard and respect for the word of the British government as I have for that of the Grain Exchange, and I know the Western farmers have a much higher regard for the British Government, whatever party heads it."

With reference to the proposal that the Government permit open market operations and place a floor under the price, the Minister said that this was done in a previous year (1938-39). To fix an 80c price for wheat in that year cost the Federal treasury \$61,000,000.

Hon. Mr. Gardiner maintained that in his opinion the farmers preferred stability, and the Government policy was drawn up to provide a measure of stable prices for a period of years.

This argument will undoubtedly be continued over the next few months and some hot debates may be anticipated.

A.F.A. CONVENTION

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Asked Dominion legislation "holding a person criminally liable who takes gasoline or other combustible disapproved by fire authorities into a place of residence or public assembly" the penalty to be "not less than that provided for manslaughter, dangerous driving or criminal negligence."

Proposed that June 21st be set aside as Farmers' Day and declared a national holiday.

Opposed daylight saving time and asked Board to take action against any amendments to city charters which would give cities "power to set up a time system of their own."

(Next issue other important A.F.A. decisions will be briefly recorded.)

Livestock Markets Review

CALGARY STOCKYARDS, Dec. 30th.—Hogs advanced 10 cents today, Grade A, yards and plants, selling at \$18.80, sows \$13.85 liveweight. Good to choice butcher steers are \$12.25 to \$13, common to medium down to \$10. Good to choice heifers, \$11.25 to \$12, down to \$9.50 for common. Good cows \$9 to \$9.50, down to a low of \$5 for canners and cutters. Good to choice vealers \$11 to \$11.50, common to medium down to \$9. Good stocker and feeder steers \$10.25 to \$11. Good lambs \$12.50 to \$13, good ewes \$6 to \$7, feeder lambs \$10 to \$10.50.

The Dairy Market

Prices continue at the ceiling. Outside quotations are: Vancouver 39 1/4, Toronto and Montreal 40. Locally butterfat is 33 cents, plus 10 cents subsidy and prints are 40 cents. Dairy production continues at a level considerably below that of a year ago.

One-seventh of the Belgian population hold co-op insurance policies.

Coal output in Britain in one week in December was 3,852,000 tons, the highest since 1944. Part of the increase is credited to a new cutting and loading machine, now being installed in U.K. collieries, which is said to increase output by 25 per cent.



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Delegates Protest Taxation of Co-ops.

Pointing out that Co-operative Associations are non-profit bodies "formed to provide service for their members and patrons at cost;" that any surplus which may arise is "an overcharge in the process of providing such service, and is returnable to the member based on the extent of his patronage," delegates to the A.F.A. Convention declared that the savings of co-operatives "belong to the individual members and should not be subject to income or excess profits tax." They stated further: "We strongly resent the unjust taxation imposed upon co-operatives by the Dominion Government and demand that it be repealed."

Seek Change in Tax Regulations

Changes in income tax regulations sought by the C.F.A. were endorsed. These include averaging farm income for taxation over four years (the Government has provided now for three-year average); recognition of breeding herds as capital asset; exemptions to be \$1000 for single and \$2000 for married persons; more adequate allowance for labor of farmers' families in farm production; freeing of farmers from responsibility to collect tax from hired help; board of arbitration providing inexpensive means of appealing officials' decisions

(to which the delegates added that allowance be made for depreciation in breeding herds and flocks); that payment of arrears of interest and principal on home farm due before 1940 be allowed as deductions; final clearance to be given taxpayers two years after final returns made for any one year; allowance of 2 per cent per annum for soil depletion against capital investment in land; allowance to all classes of deductions from current income of all proper expenses incurred in earning living.

Would Build Membership By Municipal Grants

Building up of membership in a unified farm organization through grants from municipal districts under a scheme "only to become effective after amalgamation of the three farm groups in the Province has taken place", is recommended in a resolution adopted by the A.F.A. in annual meeting.

The resolution requests "the Provincial Government to amend the Municipal Districts Act and Local Improvement Districts Act to authorize the levy of a mill rate sufficient to provide a grant on the basis of \$1 per member per year, after 55% of the ratepayers in any municipality have requested that such a grant be made."

Adjustment of Prices

The Dominion Government was asked to "adjust farm commodity prices from time to time to at least maintain the producers' prices in their present position relative to the general prices structure." It was further agreed that "in preparing index figures for prices of agricultural products, the Dominion Bureau of Statistics be urged to use prices prevailing in a period when prices generally were in a more fair relationship than that which existed in 1935-39."

[Fibre Flax Research

Research into the possibilities of growing fibre flax in Western Canada, and retting it under Prairie conditions, has been carried on for the past year at a pilot mill at Portage la Prairie. Fibre has been processed for textile manufacturing, upholstering tow, and a green tow suitable for paper stock. Fibre grown in the first two seasons in the Portage area was reported fair to good, but drought in the early summer of 1946 adversely affected the crop, so that most of the flax harvested was processed for upholstering tow purposes.

Extends Greetings

"Season's Greetings" are extended to Western farm people by Dr. F. J. Greaney, director Line Elevators Farm Service, in his current bulletin. He also extends congratulations on the "patient, hard and efficient labors of the farmers of Western Canada who, during the past few years, have contributed so much to the 'Victory' and to the 'Peace'. By their great efforts prairie farmers have saved millions of human lives. No group of citizens has brought greater recognition to their country."

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Midwinter is the time when farmers and cattlemen watch their cattle for swellings on the backs, which indicate the presence of warble fly grubs. Losses running into millions of dollars annually are caused by the warble fly, or heel fly as it is sometimes called, through loss of weight, lower milk production, loss of meat in trimming, and damaged hides. The best and easiest point of attack on the warble fly, it is stated, is to destroy the grubs before they force their way out of the hides and become another generation of warble flies. Preparations containing rotenone (deris root) have been found most effective when dissolved in water and applied to the swellings several times, at intervals of three or four weeks.

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By SYDNEY MAY

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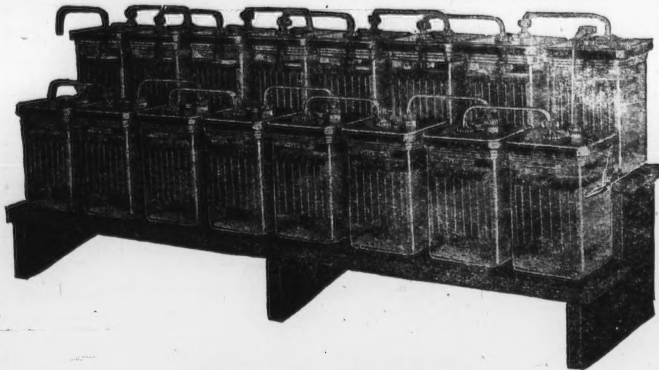
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From the Ukrainians about suffering;
From the Hebrews about tolerance;
From the Germans that actions speak loudest;
And from the English how to mind my own business.

—V.B. Calgary.

Overheard at a New Year's Eve Dance: Pardon me, sonny, but your manners are showing.

News item says that the Russians have invented a cosmic bomb. Maybe they intend to blast their way into that cosmic consciousness we hear so much about.

CHILDREN'S HOUR-UP-TO-DATE
Tick tock, tick tock,
Strikes tae Clock—
And so do the workers.

In case anyone would like to know, we have been out to see *The Outlaw* (Jane Russell) but we have a strong suspicion that somebody else beat us to it. Ah well, we can always go back to *Esquire*.

Barney Milstein dropped in the other day to tell us that he had met a gal who makes you feel that she's taking dinner with you and not from you.

ISN'T IT THE TRUTH
According to the Richmond, Va., *Times Dispatch*, in these days of cheap literature a lot of guys read just enough to keep themselves misinformed.

Oh hum, sighs the Bad Egg of Crow's Nest, now that wage ceilings are off a lot of guys will be able to enjoy a good time and a half.

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Someone you can save from despair;

Your blueness will fade and a rosy pink shade
Will dawn in your skies everywhere;

The sun comes to shine and life's fare is fine,
Your troubles are packed on the shelf;

In cheering another, some down-hearted brother,
You will find that you've cheered up yourself.

—Found in Our Christmas Mail.

A stitch in time saves embarrassment.

And undoubtedly, as Knotty Frankie says, money can be lost in more ways than won.

THIS IS TERRIBLE

"I won't offer you a cocktail, Mr. Brown," said the hostess, "since you are head of the Temperance League."

"No, I am president of the Anti-Vice League."

"Oh, Well, I know there was something I shouldn't offer you."

—Thenx to the Think Tank.

"Coffee was dispensed at the concession stands faster than it could be made."—From the *Cleveland Press*. Ah, well, this is the age of speed, isn't it?

TODAY'S PUZZLE

HOLLYWOOD—Stars at Work—Ginger Rogers is calling for her moth on the parlor set of *Magnificent Doll*. I mean her movie mother on the parlor set of *Magnificent Doll*. I mean her movie Ginger, playing the

youthful Dolly Madison, is scared. She is meeting Aaron Burt for the first time.

—From the Honolulu *Star-Bulletin*, thenx to the *New Yorker*.

FORGOTTEN MELODY

When April smiled on Nineveh,
And touched the towers of Tyre,

It struck in some poor poet's heart
A spark of deathless fire.

He sang of pallid stars that swing
Through Pisce's mighty arc,

Of hanging gardens lush with bloom
In the fresh fragrant dark.

What matter that his lay was lost,
'Bedded in brittle clay?'

He made one moment musical
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—Theodora Wayne.

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